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Man Charged with Killing Child in DUI Collision

A Gardena man has been charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, crashing into pedestrians and killing a toddler, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

George Edward Milton Jr. (dob 9/23/85) has been charged with three counts in case TA146116: gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage causing injury and driving with a .08 percent blood alcohol content causing injury.

The felony complaint includes a special allegation that the defendant committed great bodily injury to the victim during the commission of the crime. Additionally, the charging document alleges that Milton was previously convicted of arson of property in 2006.

The defendant was scheduled to be arraigned today, but the court appearance was continued to May 23 in Dept. 12 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Compton Branch.

Deputy District Attorney Jessica Kronstadt is assigned to the case.

Prosecutors said on May 20, a woman was walking with her 3-year-old son on the sidewalk near 92nd and Figueroa Streets in Los Angeles when Milton allegedly lost control of his vehicle, drove up on the sidewalk and struck the child.

The defendant's car then reportedly crashed into a nearby residence, prosecutors added. Milton allegedly put his car in reverse, and ran over the toddler again, according to prosecutors.

Milton reportedly tried to flee the area, however, bystanders stopped him, prosecutors said. Police were called to the scene and arrested the defendant in connection with the crash.

The child was taken to the hospital for medical treatment where he was pronounced dead.

If convicted as charged, Milton faces a maximum possible sentence of 25 years in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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